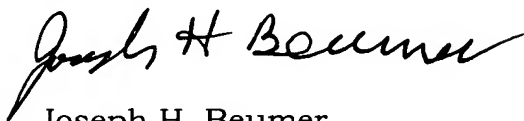


REMARKS

It is believed that all of the objections made in the Office Action have been fully met by this amendment. Favorable action is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph H. Beumer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Amendments to the drawings

In the present amendment three sheets of drawings have been revised, and “Replacement Sheets” and “Annotated Marked-Up Drawings” sheets for the revised sheets are enclosed. Changes made are as follows: Figure 2 is revised to change reference number “26” to “20” for the lower sleeve portion and to insert “26” for designating the middle portion of the main body. This makes the revised reference numbers consistent with the specification at page 4, lines 16 to 17, and with Figure 1, which is not being revised. The same revision is made in Figure 6, and 26 is replaced with 20 in Figure 4. Reference number 69 is entered in Figure 4 to make this drawing consistent with the specification at page 6, line 3.

The use of “36” for both post and plunger is corrected by revising the specification to replace “36” with “40” at page 5, line 2. Revising the drawings for this correction is believed to be unnecessary.

Annotated Marked-up Drawing

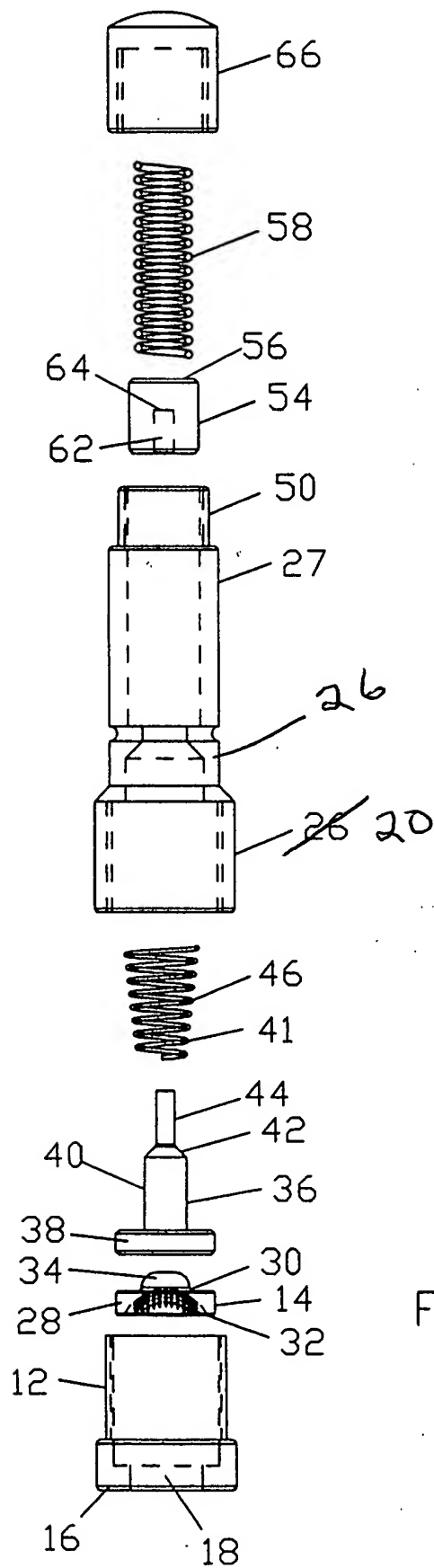


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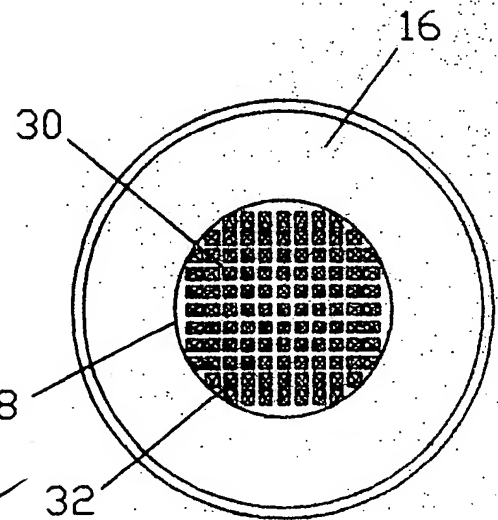
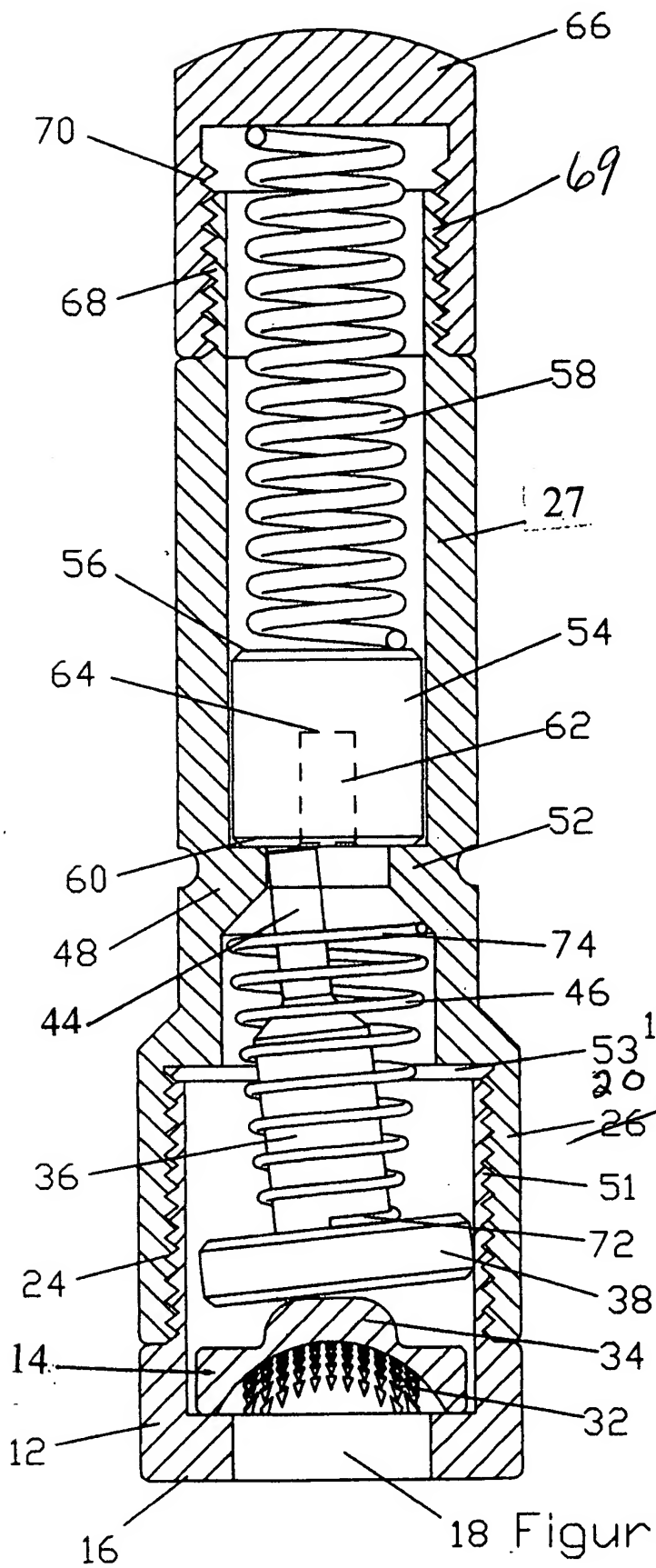


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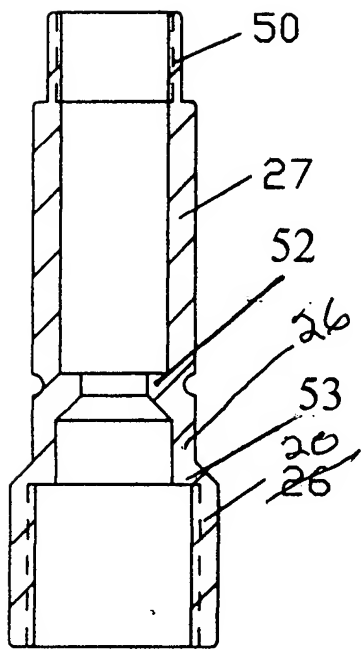


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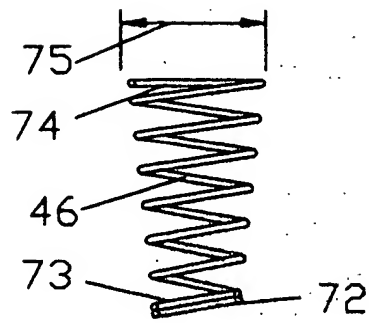


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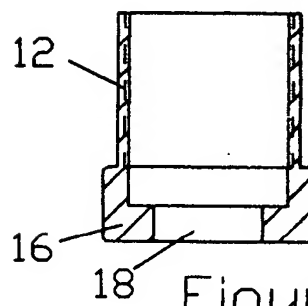


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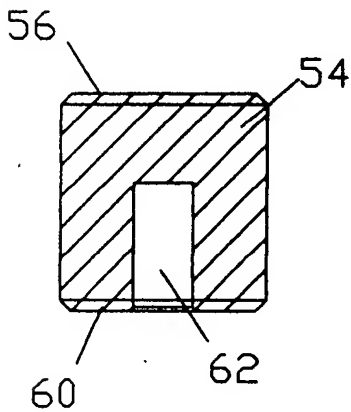


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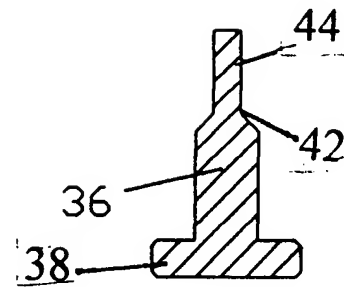


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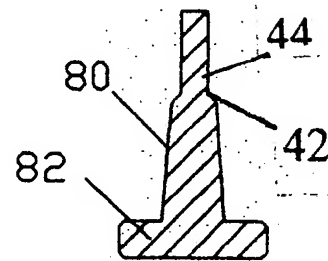


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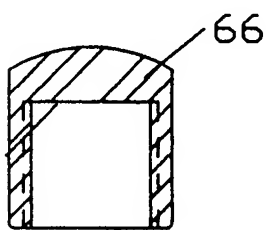


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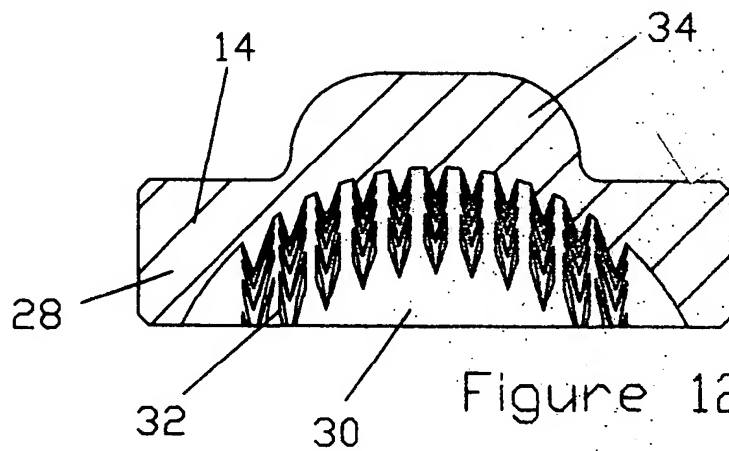


Figure 12